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BRANCH OF MY GOVERNMENT, AND IN NO WAY SPEAKS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA."

6. COMMENT: IN DELIVERING THE NOTE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER TODAY, I EXPRESSED MY OWN DEEP REGRET THAT PRESS REPORTS OF MR. HOLT'S SUPPOSED REPORT TO THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAD BEEN OFFENSIVE TO PRESIDENT AND GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA. I ASSURED HIM OF MY OWN PERSONAL RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND GOVERNMENT AND OF THE DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO HAVE EFFECTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA. I EMPHASIZED, WHAT I HAD SAID IN THE NOTE, THAT MR. HOLT, WHATEVER HE MAY HAVE SAID, DID NOT SPEAK FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. I ALSO REFERRED TO RECENT PRESS ALLEGATIONS AS TO STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO PRESIDENT OVANDO AND SAID THAT FOR MY PART I ACCEPT WHAT THE PRESIDENT TELLS ME PERSONALLY AND NOT WHAT AN URUGUAYAN NEWSMAN SAID HE SAID. THE MINISTER ACCEPTED MY NOTE AND EXPLANATION WITH THANKS AND SAID HE WOULD CONVEY MY SENTIMENTS TO THE PRESIDENT AND HE WAS SURE HE WOULD APPRECIATE THEM. SIRACUSA

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